

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 11 and ending at line 19,
as follows.

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--Databases of information are well known and suffer from the problem of how
to locate and retrieve the desired information from the database quickly and efficiently. Existing
database search tools allow the user to search the database using typed keywords. ~~Whilst~~ While
this is quick and efficient, this type of searching is not suitable for various kinds of databases,
such as video or audio databases.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 26 and ending at line 35,
as follows.

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--According to one aspect, the present invention provides data defining a
phoneme and word lattice for use as an annotation data for annotating data files to be stored
within a database. Preferably, the data defines a plurality of nodes within the lattice and a
plurality of links connecting the nodes within the lattice and further data associates a plurality of
phonemes with a respective plurality of links and further data associates at least one word with at
least one of said links.--
